The EFIS-affiliated Study Group of Innate Immunity, Inflammation, Autoimmunity, and Drug Resistance (I3AIDR)

NEWS BULLETIN

INNATE IMMUNITY UPDATES

Dear Colleagues and Friends in Innate Immunity, Inflammation, and Autoimmunity,

Welcome to our I3AIDR Newsletter! This issue brings together a curated selection of opportunities, news, and upcoming events from the broader innate immunity community. We hope it will be useful as you plan your research, travel, and professional activities.

Within this newsletter, you will find information on:

- Opportunities — grants, fellowships, and other calls relevant to our community
- News — recent developments and updates from the I3AIDR Study Group and beyond
- Events — upcoming conferences, workshops, and other gatherings

We encourage you to share this newsletter with your colleagues, students, and trainees who may find it useful. If you have suggestions for future issues or would like to contribute a piece, please reach out to us at info@i3aidr.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the I3AIDR Study Group and for being part of our community.

Warm regards,

Prof. Dr. Ivan Tancevski
Chair, I3AIDR Study Group
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Opportunities

Your Turn on the Mic!

The I3AIDR Podcast Podcast

The I3AIDR Podcast Podcast is gearing up for its season 2 of Talks by the Innate Immunity Community, and we invite you to be a guest on our podcast! Join us for a conversation about your research, career development in immunology, and the challenges and joys of life in science. This season, the podcast continues to spotlight candid conversations with young researchers and early-career scientists, focused, and practical advice for navigating research life. We invite ECR members to share their stories, challenges, and lessons from their research journeys, academic pathways, and career development. Whether you are a PhD student, postdoc, or early-career researcher, this is your chance to share your perspective and connect with the innate immunity community. If you are interested in sharing your story or suggesting a topic, please reach out to info@i3aidr.com.

Call for Judging

Call for Judging: Student Poster Prize (SPP)

The I3AIDR Study Group is seeking judges to evaluate and select the winners of the Student Poster Prize (SPP) at the upcoming 2026 EFIS Congress. This year, the SPP will be awarded in three categories: Pathogen Immunity, Autoimmunity, and Drug Resistance. Judges will review poster submissions, provide feedback, and help recognize outstanding contributions from early-career researchers in these fields. If you are interested in judging, please reach out to info@i3aidr.com, and we will share more details with you soon.

Save the Date

Registration Open for 1st I3AIDR/EFIS-IC Conference & Training School

Registration and abstract submission are now open for the first I3AIDR/EFIS-IC Conference & Training School, taking place in Innsbruck, Austria, from 14–16 September 2026. The program will feature four scientific sessions, spanning pathogens that challenge innate immune defenses. The meeting will also include a training school, offering hands-on workshops and practical sessions designed to equip early-career researchers and advancing fundamental skills.

Early-career researchers and advancing fundamental skills, especially PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, are encouraged to submit abstracts for oral presentations and poster sessions.

Call for Oral Talks

Oral presentations will be selected from abstracts submitted in the following areas:

- Pathogen Immunity (Innate immunity in infection, inflammation, and immunopathology)
- Autoimmunity (Innate immunity in autoimmune disease, tissue damage, and chronic inflammation)
- Drug Resistance (Innate immune evasion and antimicrobial resistance)

Call for Poster Presentations

Poster presentations will be selected from abstracts submitted in the following areas:

- Pathogen Immunity (Innate immunity in infection, inflammation, and immunopathology)
- Autoimmunity (Innate immunity in autoimmune disease, tissue damage, and chronic inflammation)
- Drug Resistance (Innate immune evasion and antimicrobial resistance)
- Other Innate Immunity Topics (Innate immunity in cancer, metabolism, aging, and other emerging areas)

Abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific committee, with the best contributions selected for oral presentation. Poster presentations will also be reviewed for the Student Poster Prize (SPP), recognizing outstanding contributions from early-career researchers.

Abstract submission deadline: 15 June 2026

Notification of acceptance: 15 July 2026

Early-bird registration deadline: 15 August 2026

Registration deadline: 31 August 2026

Conference dates: 14–16 September 2026

Venue: Innsbruck, Austria

Registration fees:

- Early-bird: €300
- Regular: €350
- Student: €150

Registration includes conference participation, training school sessions, and a conference dinner.

Travel grants: Limited travel grants are available for early-career participants. Details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Accommodation: Hotel options will be provided in the coming weeks.

Visa: Participants from countries requiring a visa should allow sufficient time for visa application.

For more information, please visit the conference website or contact info@i3aidr.com.

News

Meet I3AIDR Future Group Researchers Together in Vienna

The first in-person I3AIDR group gathering took place in Vienna, Austria, on 16 December, 2025. The meeting brought together early-career researchers from 7 countries, including Austria, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, and Turkey. The meeting brought together early-career researchers from institutions in Vienna and beyond, including the Medical University of Vienna, the University of Vienna, and the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

The Vienna gathering coincided with the Vienna Leukocyte Biology Meeting, the Immunology Research Association (IRA), Austrian Rheumatology Research Consortium (ARR) and featured an engaged scientific program with engaging talks and poster presentations. Prof. Dr. Ivan Tancevski, Chair of the I3AIDR Study Group, presented the Association's Student Poster Prize to Andrea Ortner and Jakub Kuchar for their Poster Prize. A dedicated Young Researcher Group (YRG) session also took place, with talks by Dr. Ivan Tancevski, Dr. Ivan Kosalka, Dr. Ivan Kosalka, and Dr. Ivan Kosalka. The meeting concluded with a lively discussion on career paths and opportunities for collaboration between scientific and non-scientific roles, including the role of clinical trials in a changing research landscape.

Photos and the dedicated poster from the meeting can be viewed here.

YRG Podcast: Choosing the Research Career

The I3AIDR Young Researcher Group (YRG) launched the 2nd season of Challenges for Young Researchers, a podcast dedicated to sharing practical advice and lessons from early-career researchers navigating research and innovation careers. Hosted by Dr. Ivan Kosalka, the podcast explores how young researchers make decisions about their research paths, build collaborations, and balance ambition with sustainability in a rapidly changing research landscape.

Each episode features a different guest sharing their experiences, challenges, and lessons learned, offering a unique opportunity to hear from early-career researchers and gain insights into different research pathways.

Episode 1 with Dr. Ivan Kosalka

Episode 2 with Dr. Ivan Kosalka

Episode 3 with Dr. Ivan Kosalka

Episode 4 with Dr. Ivan Kosalka

Episode 5 with Dr. Ivan Kosalka

Episode 6 with Dr. Ivan Kosalka

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